

February 12, 2009

**The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chair
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Washington, D.C.**

Via Facsimile: (202) 225 4744

Dear Congressman Stupak:

My name is Richard Chichakli, I am an American citizen, an honorably discharged disabled US Army veteran, a husband, a father, and formerly a lecturer teaching America's youth, and a CPA serving taxpayers and small businesses. I am a person who is not accused, charged, or indicted for any crime or wrongdoing.

On April 26, 2005 I was included in OFAC SDN list on allegation that I was an employee of Victor Bout, a person sanctioned by the US government in July 2004 by Executive Order 13348. OFAC's actions were based in-part upon the testimony given before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Committee on Financial Services on February 16, 2005 by a news reporter named Douglas Farah. The testimony given by Mr. Farah before the House Subcommittee contained untrue, incomplete, unsubstantiated, or intentionally falsified information particular to the alleged existence, operations, and activities of Viktor Bout.

Mr. Farah, a free-lance reporter have never seen Viktor Bout, never talked to him, never was close to him or to any of his operations, nor does he have any educational background, academic training, work experience, or meaningful exposure to aviation or international financial activities. The testimony of Mr. Farah lacks the scientific background, evidence, corroboration, and in most-part the basic common sense. It is incomprehensible why would the Committee resort to a testimony of a free-lance reporter in a highly complex matter such as the "Terrorist Responses to Improved U.S. Financial Defenses." Probably, that hearing was not conducted to find the truth, but it was just a pretext for a planned political action where I was used as a scapegoat two months later. Congressman, in all of the government investigations you actually have never heard from any witness who personally knew Victor Bout. Isn't yet the time to hear all sides, and the complete story?

Congressman, I am asserting to you that the testimony given by Mr. Farah on 2/16/2005 before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Committee On Financial Services is incorrect and could have been purposely falsified. I am writing you asking for an investigation, substantiation of the allegations in the testimony, a hearing, a trial in a US court of law under the US Constitution. This is very important to me for a chance to be heard without the "Bush politics" and to get a chance to clear my name. However, if you are satisfied with what you have, fully aware of its possible falsity, then I shall apologize for writing to you.

Respectfully

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